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Executive Office of the Mayor: 2nd Summer Youth Program Bi-Weekly Report

In the third week of my summer youth program, we once again visited Ward 7 in the area of Gault Place. Upon our arrival, we were unpleasantly surprised to discover a plethora of overgrowth from an elderly resident's abandoned home, in addition to busted windows and plastic in place of necessary glass shields. We witnessed all of the mayor's team's hardwork go down the drain. Then we found out that the same resident in question had been placed in a hospital due to an ailing health condition, as explained to us by their neighbors. Later in the day, we had the Department of Public Works (DPW) board the house so that it wouldn't welcome additional intruders. Outside of debris throughout various streets, needless to say this was the highlight of the day. A few stops later, we arrived at another resident's home in where an abundance of overgrowth was also evident; it grew from the left side of their home in abandoned bushes. The trip just about wrapped up our first day's work for the week as we departed the scene and headed back to the office.

On the second day of the week, Thursday, July 09, 2009, we continued our follow up on the trash in the neighborhoods we had previously snapped photos of. This time, we were seeking after shots so that we could show the Mayor the actions that were taken by our request. The journey took us back to Ward 7, in the area of the 4200 block of Gault Place, 1615 B Street, the 4200 block of Massachusetts Avenue, among other locations. We discovered that overgrowth and debris found in these areas were indeed removed as requested. It was relieving to know that these areas were swiftly taken care of by the folks at DPW. This pretty much wrapped up our

day, as these after photos were grabbed and ready to be inserted into a future report on the photo gallery on the MOCRS website. On a side note, we took a trip back to the elderly resident's home to check on things. We noticed that the doors were opened, as it has yet to be boarded up to block intruders. This was actually the first time I took a look inside of the home. Needless to say, I didn't really miss much, as the floors were filled with junk, disabling any type of entry throughout the home. Several finding that we also came across was a broken, totaled vehicle in a vacant lot near Eads and 36th Street NE. Debris, mainly wooden materials, were also found in the Alley on the 3300 block of Clay Place and Anacostia NE. A Riveerterse school was also cited in proper disposal of trash containing lumber and various long pieces of wood. Moving even further north, on 500 Foote Street NE, we noticed a peculiar looking object laying in what seems to be a deserted alley. Picking up even further action on 1000 block of 50th Street NE, we spot an abundance of overgrowth directly in front of the property of 1023. Along the 5300 block of C Street SE, 5349 plays hosts to scattered cardboard, wood, and complimentary used thinned out mattresses. It must have been someone's lucky day. Now at this time, I would like to take you back in this article to a situation that we came across on the 4900 block of Blaine Street NE, in which an elderly resident's house received a makeover thanks to DPW. However, upon arrival, the property had overgrowth, and it seemed like it had been broken into (windows had been busted). The resident became too sick to stay in the horrid living conditions of the property due to ailing health. Well, we revisited the property of 4952 and snapped a photo of the back door entrance (door was open). Our journey took us all the way to 906 48th Street NE, where trash and luggage bags, parts of dresser drawers, mini cabinets, amongst other non sense items were found scattered on the left side of the alley in front of the home.

Our following week, we traveled back in the direction of Jay and Blaine streets Northeast. As we arrived, we found that some of the overgrowth had been mowed in the areas adjacent to the homes. After a few days of taking after photos of a majority of the prior locations we visited, we wrapped up the day and sent the photos to DPW for future action to be taken. This also wraps up the 2nd Bi-Weekly reports from yours truly, this is Brian signing out. In the next edition of a series of these bi-weekly reports, we visit a foodbank to store food boxes to DC residents in need, take care.

P.S.: I am interested in preparing an energy efficient campaign. I want to stress the importance of items being unplugged while not being utilized. Stay tuned, we'll find out soon.



Eads and 36th Street NE



Alley on 3300 block of Clay Place and Anacostia NE



Riveerterse school proper disposal of trash



500 Foote Street NE



1023 50th Street NE



5349 C Street SE



4952 Blaine Street NE



906 48th Street NE